

ARTILLERY
IS ACTIVE

Duel Kept Up in the Woivre District, Paris Officially Reports

GERMANS REPORT
VERDUN BURNING

Both East and West of the Meuse There Was No Movement

Paris, March 25.—The French official statement says the past night was quiet in the Verdun district, both east and west of the Meuse. Artillery duels were in progress in the Woivre region. The French war office communication last night follows:

"In the Argonne following the explosion of one of our mines at Vauquois, the enemy attacked and succeeded in momentarily gaining a footing in one of our first line trenches. We expelled him at once through counter-attacks in which we made about 30 prisoners.

"The activity of our artillery continues intense against the line of German communications in the eastern Argonne and also on the woods of Malancourt and Avocourt.

"In the region north of Verdun no events of importance occurred during the day, except intermittent bombardments of our second line west and east of the Meuse. Our batteries replied energetically. Northeast of St. Mihiel the fire by our long-range pieces on the Vigneulles station gave good results. A warehouse was demolished and a train which was in the station was blown up."

SAYS VERDUN IS BURNING.

German Army Headquarters Give Information.

Berlin, March 25.—Verdun is in flames, according to today's official statement by the German headquarters.

GERMAN RAIDER
GREIF WAS SUNK
BY MERCHANTMAN

Encounter Which Took Place in the North Sea on Feb. 29 Was Reported in London Today for the First Time.

London, March 25.—The German raider Greif has been sunk in the North sea by the British armed merchantman Alcantara which herself was sunk. Five German officers and 150 men out of a total of 300 were captured. The British lost 74 men.

The fight occurred in the North sea on Feb. 29, it was later announced. The Greif was sunk by gunfire and the Alcantara by a torpedo. The British losses were made up of five officers and 69 men.

GERMAN LOSSES "AWFUL."

French Semi-Official Report Described Verdun Slaughter.

Paris, March 25.—"The Germans would have it believed that their losses before Verdun were not greater than those of the French army," says a semi-official note issued yesterday afternoon. "The following example will show how great the German sacrifices were:

"On the forenoon of March 9 the 1st battalion of the 19th regiment reserve of the 5th German corps attacked the Villa Geo of Vaux in columns of four. The French allowed the first company to penetrate the village where it was surprised by a machine gun fire and then charged with bayonets. The survivors—those able to do so—took refuge in a house where they fell. This company, the 13th, was annihilated.

"The 2d and 3d battalions of the same regiment passed east of the village, at the same time, going forward in squads to the first French trenches.

"The next day the 64th regiment of infantry of the 6th division of the 3d German corps replaced, to the north of Vaux, the decimated 19th regiment, but the 64th sustained such loss by the fire of artillery that the attack which began was countermanded.

"The battle of Verdun, which has continued a month, has been made up of similar episodes. The German sacrifices were awful.

"It is known that the 3d and 15th army corps had to be sent to the rear after marching to Verdun.

"The corps had to have two-thirds of its officers replaced and its gaps filled up with young recruits of the class of 1916, who were in a proportion of two-fifths in each company. Even then, these reinforcements, sent from the interior, were insufficient to bring the strength of the corps to what it was before March 2.

"During their last attacks the 3d corps companies only counted about 120 rifles instead of 200.

"These facts are a sufficient reply to the German allegations. Moreover, it must be admitted by any one that well-armed troops, installed in defensive works with machine guns, as was the case with the French, are able to inflict the greater losses upon an assailant who constantly attacks in compact masses and whose chiefs are not dismayed by the bloodiest sacrifices."

WAS NATIVE OF VERMONT.

And Assistant Surgeon of the 12th Vermont Regiment.

Concord, N. H., March 25.—Dr. Granville Priest Conn of this city, formerly president of the New Hampshire Medical society and member of the state railroad commission, died yesterday at Wayne, Pa., according to word received here. He was 84 years of age. In the Civil war he was assistant surgeon of the 12th Vermont regiment and later compiled and edited a history of New Hampshire surgeons in that war.

PUGILISTS SPAR
WITH MOUTHS
AS FIGHT NEARS

Willard Declares He is Positive That He Will Be the Winner, While Moran Predicts He Will Knock

Willard Out To-night

New York, March 25.—Thirteen thousand spectators, of whom probably 2,000 will be women, will crowd the Madison Square Garden to-night to see Frank Moran of Pittsburgh try to wrest the world's heavyweight championship from Jess Willard of Kansas. Although the bout is not announced as a title contest and no referee decision is permissible under the state boxing laws, Moran might win the championship either by a knockout, foul by Willard or Willard's failure to go the full ten rounds.

Both men are confident of victory to-night. Willard said this morning: "It is hard for me to say how I will win. That I will be the victor is the most positive statement I can make. If Moran starts a rush battle I am satisfied I will knock him out."

Moran said: "Do not be surprised to see the finish come in the seventh or eighth round. Then you will see Willard drop."

In boxing ability the two pugilists are conceded to be about equal, but beyond that point Willard has a marked advantage over Moran in almost every department of glove fighting as well as in physical make-up. He will outweigh Moran by close to fifty pounds, stand between five and six inches above the Pittsburgh slugger and have a longer reach, of more than six inches, than Moran. Both are extremely powerful hitters in proportion to their size but here again Willard's greater physique and strength give him a wide margin over Moran. The latter is the more aggressive boxer of the two but the champion's towering height and ability to back with his long arms militate against the chances of the smaller pugilist landing a knockout blow to the head. The task of reaching Willard's body is not so difficult, but in all his bouts to date the Kansas has shown ability to take very hard blows in his midsection without slowing up. From a defensive standpoint Willard is considered to be one of the best equipped boxers of his division in many years.

He is equally formidable offensively when aroused, but as a rule lacks the aggressiveness necessary to win from an opponent of Moran's calibre in ten rounds or less. His best blows are a short left jab and a right hand uppercut. These blows he uses almost continually and owing to his long reach and great strength the punches carry terrible power when Willard puts full force into them. Under pressure he can and does fight with other blows and carries a knockout in either hand when mixing savagely. In his awkward and ponderous style Willard is almost as fast on his feet as Moran, although he seldom uses footwork to avoid an opponent. At close quarters he should be able to hold Moran safely, although the latter will be dangerous if he can tear loose long enough to uncover his ability and power as an infighter.

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HEAVY LOSS
OF LIFE FEARED
ON THE SUSSEX

Americans Were Aboard the Cross-Channel Steamer, and It Is Probable That Some of Them Died After Explosion Near the Coast of France

PARIS REPORTS SAY
VESSEL TORPEDOED

The Disabled Steamer Was Towed to Boulogne Today, and 75 or More People Are Said to Be Unaccounted For—There Were 436 All Told

London, March 25.—The cross-channel steamer Sussex, which was seriously damaged last night near the French coast, was towed into Boulogne today, according to a dispatch to the Central News. It is regarded as certain that some lives were lost. Probably it was an explosion which caused the damage.

Edward Huxley, president of the United States Rubber Exportation company, and Francis E. Drake, manager of the company, were among the Americans who were rescued. They reported a heavy loss of life, including probably several Americans. Miss Baldwin, daughter of a prominent American resident of Paris was seriously injured.

According to official information between 90 and 100 passengers have been landed at Dover and about 250 passengers and members of the crew are in France.

Opinion among the survivors is divided as to whether the Sussex was damaged by a torpedo or by a mine. The explosion occurred at 3 p. m. when the steamer had been an hour and a half out of Folkestone. The wireless apparatus was destroyed and no help arrived until midnight. Her water-tight compartments kept the vessel from sinking.

Sussex Owned by French.

The Sussex is owned by the French state railroads, but is managed by the Brighton railroad. Before the war she was employed in the night service between New Haven and Dieppe, but following the outbreak of the hostilities her run was changed from Folkestone to Dieppe.

The Brighton railroad last night issued the following account of the accident of the Sussex:

"The Sussex, sailing under a French flag in the Folkestone-Dieppe service, met with a mishap somewhere off Dieppe on her passage to-day. There were 386 passengers aboard and a crew of about 50, but it is impossible at present to give further particulars nor is the passenger list available. At 8:30 o'clock this evening the vessel was still afloat in charge of a tug. It is assumed, therefore, that all the passengers were saved."

Last night's dispatches said that there were 386 passengers and 50 in the crew, indicating that 75 or more are unaccounted for. Paris reports say that the vessel was torpedoed.

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Exchange Telegraph company. Four survivors were picked up off the Doggerbank by the Norwegian steamer Active and were landed at Copenhagen to-day. The other members of the crew are believed to have perished.

BRITISH STEAMSHIP
SALYBIA IS SUNK

All Her Passengers and Crew Are Reported By Lloyds' to Have Been Saved—Ship Left Barbadoes March 3 for London.

London, March 25.—A Lloyds' report says that the British steamship Salybia has been sunk and that her passengers and crew were saved.

The Salybia in the last available shipping records was reported as having left Barbadoes on March 3 for London.

MANY GRANITE SITUATIONS.
In Some Places Early Settlements are Said to Be Expected.

Reports received in Barre concerning the industrial situation in other granite centers are interesting at this time, inasmuch as in some instances the conditions parallel the situation which obtained in this city only a year ago. From authentic quarters brief reports are given in some sections the prospects for a short suspension are favorable, while in other districts the employers and employees seem hopelessly deadlocked.

Quincy manufacturers met with the cutters March 22 and the result was a deadlock on the length of the agreement. No further meetings are in prospect. In Rockport, Mass., there are no immediate prospects of a change and the cutters, quarrymen and paving cutters are still out. Stony Creek, Conn., granite workers are still out and the situation remains unchanged. Westerly paving cutters are not working. In Fitzwilliam, N. H., where the Webb company is standing out for a 1920 agreement, the situation is unsettled. No settlement yet, is the report from Bethel, with the 1920 vs. 1921 contention uppermost. Millford, N. H., cutters are contending for the 1921 bill, the "unfair stock" clause and the elimination of the 14 inch toll. The agreement in Waterford, Conn., expires April 1, but it is understood that the 1920 bill is agreeable to both sides. Cutters in Stonington, Me., where the agreement expires May 1, are reported to be willing to sign up for four years, although the delay was due to a preliminary examination to assure the government that the shipment would not reach its enemies. It will be allowed to go forward.

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Major Sample, commanding the United States army base at Columbus, has been asked to investigate the report that Villa bandits crossed the border eight miles west of Columbus and murdered three Americans, two women and a man. The bandits, numbering 100, are said to have returned to Mexico after the killing.

CARRANZA PEEVED
AT SHIP HOLD-UP

But Was Informed That United States Government Has No Intention of Stopping His Ammunition.

Washington, D. C., March 25.—Elesio Arredondo, General Carranza's ambassador, protested to Secretary of State Lansing to-day that ammunition for Carranza, consigned on a ship leaving New York yesterday, had been held up by the customs authorities. Secretary Lansing told the ambassador there was no intention to hold up Carranza ammunition and the delay was due to a preliminary examination to assure the government that the shipment would not reach its enemies. It will be allowed to go forward.

When interviewed at the headquarters of the quarryworkers' international association this morning, Secretary F. W. Sullivan stated that a minority number at Carranza had signed a bill without an authorization from the international headquarters. The agreement, Mr. Sullivan characterized as "not only bad, but ridiculous." He said that only seven men were returning to work under the agreement signed with the quarry owners, whereas in normal times upward of 100 quarrymen are employed at Chelmsford. A minimum of 24 cents per hour for quarrymen and plug drillers, it appears, was fixed in the signed agreement. So far away according to data at hand in the secretary's office, 300 and 400 Cape Ann quarrymen are to have a higher minimum.

According to Secretary Sullivan the agreement signed by the Chelmsford minority is not legal for the reason that the constitution of the quarryworkers' union holds that a bill cannot be signed without authorization from the international headquarters. Sec. Sullivan stated, too, that the Chelmsford quarrymen who signed the agreement have been notified that they acted without authority.

Secretary Sullivan is contemplating a trip through Massachusetts in the course of which he may visit the branches at Chelmsford, Cap Ann and Stony Creek, where (in the latter place) the prospects for an early settlement are considered promising at headquarters.

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